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Taxi Licensing Board

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Taxi Licensing Board Agenda Conference Room 12, City Hall Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:37 AM

Present: Jeff Munger (Chair), JM

Adam Roof (City Council), AR Officer Brad Trombley, BPD, BT

Gregg Meyer (Assistant City Attorney), GM

Ashley Bryce (Taxi Administration Office, City Hall), AB

Nicholas Sheildrop (Public), NS Zaki Arif, Route 15 Cab, (ZA) Moatasem Gebril, Easy Cab, (MG) Charlie Handy, Interpreter, (CH) Jordan Handy, Attorney, (JH)

1. AGENDA

On motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley the agenda was adopted as is.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Nicholas Shieldrop would like on the next meeting to discuss Referendum Requirements and Ethical Responsibilities. In Austin, Texas Uber was voted down. Believed Uber should be licensed and regulated through the State of Vermont. Would like to recommend that each paragraph with the name of party speaking not initials. Make recommendation in big paragraphs to put the person to whom referring to names into the paragraph periodically.

DISCUSSION:

3.01. Advertisement on Taxis

JM began by explaining there are other entities that have advertisement on them and believed in the new ordinance it does not state that taxi companies cannot have them on their vehicles. Just would not like them to look like "nascar cars."

AB stated the reason for the item is a company would like to advertise for a radio station.

AR asked if we could make a vote on this or if this is a discussion.

GM responded he would look into the laws of doing so. Also if the Board can make a ruling on this.

NS stated companies can advertise on their taxis. It is called the "Rolling Stock Law."

4. MINUTES:

4.01. Taxi Licensing Board 04/14/16

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley the minutes were adopted as is

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.



Taxi Licensing Appeals Panel

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1. AGENDA

On motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley the agenda was adopted as is.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.01. COMMUNICATION: Ricky Handy

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

2.02. COMMUNICATION: Robert Burnor re: Notice of Complaint

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

On Motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley to waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

On Motion by Commissioner Roof and Sargent Trombley to table the discussion for Taxi Licensing Appeal Panel to begin Taxi Licensing Board Meeting at 8:37 a.m.

On Motion by Commissioner Roof and Sargent Trombley to reconvene Taxi Licensing Appeal Panel at 8:53 a.m.

3. TAXI VIOLATORS HEARINGS:

3.01. Moatasem Gebril, Easy Cab; Zaki Arif, Route 15 Cab GM explained the procedure to be followed and introduced the Taxi Appeal Panel and swore Moatasem Gebril, Zaki Arif and Charlie Handy in for testimony.

IT began the hearing by explaining the incident that had occurred and the letters that were sent out to each driver. The incident was a he says she says situation that was brought to the Police Officer on duty. The Director of the Airport believed this was an issue that needed to be brought in front of the Taxi Board as there was physical conduct. The Director had issued a no trespassing on Airport Grounds until this meeting took place.

JH on behalf of ZA began to explain his side of the incident. It all began at Amtrak Station in Essex Junction. ZA believed MG got mad at him for poaching clients. ZA left Amtrak went to the Airport pulled into the empty lot where MG followed him closely the whole way pulls in behind him. When he stopped MG came up to his window, ZA opened the door and it hit MG "allegedly." MG then began to hit ZA two times and kick him. MG believed the ZA intently hit MG with the door. ZA then stated he was going to the Police. JH brought to exhibit a video of this occurring. No point and time did his client intently hit MG. ZA knew MG was mad about ZA poaching passengers.

MG explained his side of the story, he stated it began the day before when ZA took an extra passenger and ZA spit at him. He believed ZA was poaching passengers at Amtrak and disrespecting the rules. MG said he confronted ZA at Amtrak about poaching passengers and he did not stop.

JH asked if MG admitted to hitting ZA. When he talked to Policer Officer he admitted to hitting ZA.

GM asked MG if when they had the confrontation in the parking lot if he struck or hit ZA.

MG replied he did not hit ZA.

JH believed the video showed how aggressive MG was toward ZA. (JH showed video to MG and to the panel)

CH translated to the panel what was being said on the videotape. Both drivers were calling each other thieves, cowards and that each were stealing customers.

JH did not state if his client did or did not spit on MG at Amtrak as that was not with in the City Ordinance.

AR asked both drivers if they think they could work together without having issues.

JM interpreted what MG stated that after midnight at Airport there are no ambassadors that it just turns into a free for all.

JH responded that there is no evidence to support the violation for BCO 30-33. That these two drivers can work together and that both had probably learned their lesson.

3.02. Amrou Mohamed, #1 Taxi

Amrou Mohamed did not show for his hearing.

4. MINUTES:

4.01. Taxi Licensing Appeals Panel 04/14/16

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley the minutes were adopted as is.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.